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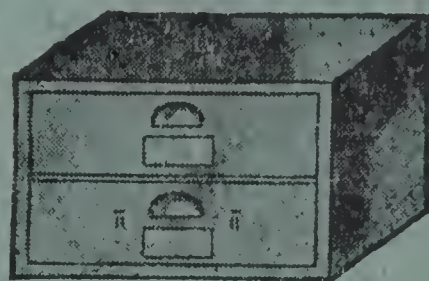
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MARCH 1940

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This month we begin a new feature—"Sixty Years ago in the Coin Collectors Journal".

While we do not claim any originality for such an idea, we feel that present day collectors will be interested in the "goings on" of 1880, when a real scrappy lot of dealers did business in New York.

The coin business did not reach much below Baltimore in the South and Boston in the East. The reports of coin sales of that period and some of the prices realized are features. Other short items of interest will also be reprinted.

Our publication of the catalogue of the Coins of Mexico is completed in this issue of the Journal. This catalogue with various other features will be reprinted and offered as a separate pamphlet later. We have not gone into the twentieth century revolutionary coins with quite as much detail as in our publication "Coins of the World" but have confined our listing to the more obtainable types.

National Coin Week will be observed from March 30th to April 6th in most cities or towns where collector's organizations are able to make suitable exhibits.

We believe it is the ambition of most collectors to form a numismatic library of sorts as the real collector is lost without ready reference works. In the April JOURNAL we will outline our new publication idea which will give collectors a splendid, ever-growing library of numismatic works at a very small yearly expenditure.

The Iowa Numismatic Association and the Central States Numismatic Society will hold a joint convention in Burlington, Iowa on April 27th and 28th. Exhibits, a dealers bourse and auction sale will be among the features.

The final article on U.S. Commemorative coins is contained in this issue. Particulars as to the publication of the complete series in pamphlet form will be forthcoming in the April Journal.

Next month we expect to inaugurate a new feature in describing the permanent numismatic exhibits in the United States. Few collectors realize that there are quite a good many of such exhibits and while they are not all open to the public every courtesy is usually shown to students and collectors having a real academic interest.

Sixty Years Ago

In The Coin Collectors Journal

January—The Calendar for 1880. Giving the corresponding date in other chronological eras and giving an instructive account of the various calendars, old and new.

Coins of Mary, Queen of Scots, a quite detailed description.

An exceedingly rare Chinese dollar, showing a line cut of the dollar now known as

The Coins of the United States—1794 Cents.

Greek Coins—Panticapaeum.

Trade Dollars—A dissertation on the reasons for the great dislike of this coin.

Coin Sales—Part I of the cabinet of Prof. Anthon sold by Bangs and Co. Prof. Anthon was the president of the American Numismatic and Archeological Society and formed a very fine collection of historical coins of the ancient and modern world. The catalogue of his collection often comes up to this day. A Montreal side view piece sold for \$3.90.

February—The most interesting coin described in this issue is the Santo Domingo dollar of Charles and Joanna although it is wrongly attributed to Mexico. The piece is illustrated by a line cut made from a very good pen and ink drawing. It is said to be in the collection of Mr. Burhans of Greenville, N. J. The editor would be interested in knowing the present whereabouts of this rarity.

Coinage of the Azores.

Roman Medallions.

The Coins of the United States—1794 Cents and Half Cents.

Babylon and its Moneys — Mostly about stone tablets.

Persian Money—This interesting little article seems worthy of reproduction so we give it here.

French Rival Trade Dollar.

A French dollar of a weight of 27.215 grammes, and equivalent in value to the "Almighty" Dollar of the United States, is now being issued from the mint in Paris. It is intended for circulation in Cochin China, where the normal 5-franc pieces of the French coinage, which are nominally equal to the United States dollar, have suffered depreciation in consequence of the general fall in the value of silver, and are worth, in fact, only $4\frac{1}{2}$ francs, or a depreciation of 10 per cent.

The Lincoln Medal story.

Auction Sales—An account of Mr. Cogan's last sale, before retiring from business. An uncirculated 1804 cent sold for \$205. The collection was sold by Bangs & Co.

A collection formed by H. P. Smith was also sold by Bangs & Co. Proof 1851 dollar sold for \$45.00 and one of 1858 for \$4.00. Half dollar 1836 milled edge, \$24.50. Confederate restrike half dollar, \$4.50.

March—New coin of Siam.

The coins of the United States—1795 Cents. An interesting account of the Jefferson head sent which we reproduce here.

This so called "Jefferson head cent" was probably named for the same reason as the Guinea pigs (because they did not come from Guinea, and they are not pigs): the portrait on the pieces does not resemble that of Jefferson, nor did he have aught to do with the issue, and last, but not least, it is not a cent; but is undoubtedly a counterfeit of the cent of 1795, and was struck somewhere about

1803. The workmanship and style of every portion of the piece show that the dies were never executed at the U. S. mint; the hair alone would be sufficient to condemn it, no artist employed at the mint since its establishment would have engraved such a stiff unnatural mass after having for models the beautiful wavy locks which adorn the earlier coins; the figures and letters are totally unlike any used on the cents; the fraction 1/100 is of the size figures found on the issue of 1803; the wreath with its lobster claw leaves and three-looped bow furnish more evidence of the inexperienced tool of an imitator who had before him different types of cents and engraved the least difficult part of each; the short and narrow serrated border on the reverse is unlike any used in 1795, while the absence of the border ornamentation on the obverse, even on the best of them, would indicate that a worn cent was copied; and finally the rarity of the piece tends to cast a shadow on its authenticity, for we know that even were fifty thousand issued they might still be rare, but it would be impossible to circulate five thousand in the then thinly populated country, seventy-five or eighty years ago, and escape detection; the same, of course, might be said of the 1793 cent with the strawberry plant under the bust, but as it is of the same workmanship as its

fellows, and of the three specimens known only two are from the same die, their variety would indicate a probable pattern; which could not be claimed for the "Jefferson" as it lacks all the points of an experimental piece; and take one consideration with another, it has a remarkably unofficial look.

Auction Sales Explained—An exposition of the conduct of auction sales in 1880.

Dekadrachm of Syracuse—With a good story.

Sarawak, its coins and Rulers—A fine story of J. Brooke, the first Rajah. We intend to reprint this story soon with pictures.

The Smallest Bank Notes—An account of the notes printed by Richard Bache for the Bank of North America.

South Carolina Colonial Notes—An account of bills destroyed Sept. 22, 1778.

Veterans of the Mexican War—Final Presentation of the New York Medals.

Auction Sales—The M. W. Davis collection sold by Leavitt's Salesrooms. 1804 Dime, very good \$12.00; 1797 Half Dollar, very good \$40.00; 1801 very good \$8.00; 1802 very good \$7.00; 1815 very good \$6.10.

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Notes on Collecting Ancient Coins

By PAUL SZEGO, Ph.D.

In the December issue of the Coin Collector's Journal I chanced upon an article of the above title, which I read with pleasure. The reasons for my satisfaction are twofold: because I feel that coin collectors rarely receive any workable advice on how to go about it; and because the writer of the article has some time chided me for my enthusiastic approach of the question and put himself up as an example of hard-bitten realism. Yet even he could not help falling into poetic exultation while I will try now to retaliate with sober facts.

anything worth while. In addition those dealers who do not know exactly what their coins are, don't know their prices either. So, just to be on the safe side, they overcharge the customer, lest they should give away "numismatic gems" for a pittance.



Alexander IV tetradrachm



Metapontum stater

The successful buying of Ancient Coins has, of course, many angles. Let us try to reason out the most important ones in this brief discussion and, perhaps, in a few subsequent ones.

1. Buy your coins where there is a wide variety to select from. If a dealer has only half a dozen or a dozen coins, you will have to buy from whatever he happens to have on hand. If there is no large dealer in your city, rather get coins on approval from out of town or buy in mail sales.

2. Buy from dealers who know what they are selling. There you will get a decent coin for a fair price. The writer does not believe in fanciful tales of getting rare and valuable pieces in pawn-shops or the like, for a song. He has tried himself and never saw

3. You either have a fair knowledge of the type of coins you are interested in, or you will have to pay a penalty in learning by your own mistakes while you buy. In order that this "tuition-fee" that every collector has paid then and now, should be a small one, keep one maxim close to your heart: Never buy a coin you would not wish to own throughout your collector's career. If you have any serious doubts as to whether the piece you consider buying is really desirable, better not buy the coin. A halfway desirable coin is not worth having. Do not enter into compromises with yourself. If the coin is well preserved but in a poor artistic style, or if it was of excellent design but is battered now and wearing one or two scars on its face, let it go. You will have another chance to purchase a similar coin that will satisfy you completely, while, if you have bought a substitute, you will never enjoy it,—its flaws will keep on torturing you and you will have a hard time to get rid of the piece to salvage your money.



The famous dekadrachm of Syracuse

4. Now we have come to the most important question a fancier of Ancient Coins is often called upon to decide for himself: Should he buy flawless coins of mediocre style or concentrate upon buying only coins of the finest style, even if they are somewhat worn? Furthermore: should he hunt for very rare pieces or be satisfied with the more easily accessible ones?

While tastes and opinions are different, we want to consider the interests and the point of view of the average collector, who wishes to have a nice collection, but has neither the means, nor the time to found a collection to compete with that of a museum or of a rich amateur. Our advice to him is: he should not strive to gain a few extra-rare pieces, because rarity is not a paramount question in coin collecting. In most cases rare pieces are not important as representatives of classical art or landmarks of ancient history.

Neither are they necessarily of excellent artistic attainments. Their worth is exaggerated by their rarity, desirable only for those who have a nearly complete array of all the coins obtainable, and need the extra-rare one as a keystone just to finish their numismatic series.

The small collector should rather strive to have a fairly complete group of the more easily accessible coins, which, in addition, are usually more representative of ancient times and classical art.

5. The paramount question in collecting coins in general and ancient ones in particular, should be their artistic style. If a coin is modelled in the best vein of ancient sculptural attainments, that coin is worth buying, even at some financial sacrifice on the buyer's part and even at the risk of a slight compromise regarding its preservation.

COLLECTING GREEK COINS

Why and How to Collect Ancient Greek Coins and the Way to Form a Small Collection with Limited Means. By Paul S. Szego, Ph.D. 8vo. stiff paper cover. Profusely illustrated. New York, 1937. \$0.25.

UNITED STATES COMMEMORATIVE COINS

Norfolk, Va., Bi-Centennial



HALF DOLLAR, 1936. Obverse: The seal of the City of Norfolk, — a three masted ship sailing to right; below waves, an old wooden plow and three sheaves of wheat; legend in three circular lines; inner circle, ET TERRA ET MARE DIVITIAE TUAE CRESCAS; in second circle, TOWN 1682 — BOROUGH 1736 — CITY 1845 — CITY OF NORFOLK, VIRGINIA; in outer circle, in scallop shells divided by date. Reverse: The Royal Mace of Norfolk dividing dated 1936; at either side of date a sprig of dogwood; in left field, IN GOD WE TRUST; in right field, E PLURIBUS UNUM; in lower left field, LIBERTY; around lower border, HALF DOLLAR; around upper border, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; below in two paralleled lines, NORFOLK VIRGINIA LAND GRANT; in lower right field the designer's initials in monograms. WM and MES. Edge, reeded. Size, 19. Designed by William Marks Simpson in collaboration with his wife, Marjorie Emory Simpson. Number coined, 25,103. Number melted, 5,103. Number issued, 20,000.

This half dollar commemorates the 300th Anniversary of the original Norfolk Land Grant, and the 200th Anniversary of the Creation of Norfolk as a Borough. Norfolk was incorporated as a borough in 1736, by royal charter, and became a city in 1845.

The coin shows on the reverse the Norfolk Mace. This is one of Norfolk's greatest historical treasures. The

mace was presented to Norfolk by Lieutenant Governor Dinwiddie as a token of his esteem for the borough, in 1753. Norfolk is the only city in the United States with a mace, the symbol of royalty. This coin also bears the distinction of being the only one of the Commemorative series which was predated. It is dated 1936, but the bill for its issuance was not passed until 1937.

The history of Norfolk is vivid and interesting. The Virginians and a North Carolina regiment under Col. Robert Howe, occupied the town in December 1775 after Lord Dunmore had abandoned it and taken refuge on the fleet. On December 31st, Dunmore bombarded the town and laid it in ashes. The only building that escaped destruction was the old St. Paul's Church.

At the beginning of the Civil War the Southern militia attempted to seize the navy yard at Gosport, one of the most extensive in the United States. The government sent Capt. Hiram Paulding to instruct Commander McCauley to get the ships out with as much ordnance and ammunition as possible, and to defend the property. McCauley's officers, being all Southern born, deserted as soon as Virginia seceded. Using poor judgment and with relief in sight, McCauley scuttled such ships as were in the harbor and attempted to burn the navy yard. The attempt was not particularly successful and some of the ships and a great store of war material were acquired by the Confederacy.

Today Norfolk ranks third among the cities of the State of Virginia in value of factory products. Its peanut market is the largest in the world, and cotton, oysters, coal, lumber, and vegetables are its chief exports. Its harbor is deep, and protected by the two Forts, Wool and Monroe, its navy yard being in the southern district of the city of Portsmouth.

MEXICO

MEXICO CITY MINT. $\overset{\circ}{M}$

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224	5 Centavos 1869 etc. Eagle and date. R Value above branches 1869-1904	.10	.20	244	20 Centavos 1919. Similar	.15	.20
225	10 Centavos. Similar. 1871-1903	.15	.25	245	50 Centavos 1918, 19. Similar	.25	.35
226	25 Centavos. Eagle. R Balances. 1870-1888	.15	.25	246	Peso. 1918, 19. Eagle. R Liberty cap with rays., value in wreath. Fineness 902.7	.75	1.00
227	50 Centavos. Similar 1870-1886	.25	.50	247	10 Centavos 1925-28, 1930, 33, 34. Similar but fineness 0.720	.10	.15
228	Peso 1869-73. Similar	1.00	1.50	248	20 Centavos 1920, 21, 1925-28, 1930, 33, 34. Similar	.15	.25
229	8 Reales 1869, 1874-97. Type of No. 162	1.00	1.50	249	50 Centavos 1919-21, 1925. Similar	.25	.35
230	5 Centavos 1898-1905 Eagle. R Value in wreath	.10	.15	250	Peso. 1920-27, 1932-37. Similar	.60	.75
231	10 Centavos 1898-1905. Similar	.10	.15	251	2 Pesos 1921 (Centenary of Independence). Winged Victory facing. R Eagle l. in wreath	1.50	2.00
232	20 Centavos 1898-1905. Similar. Same mints	.15	.25	252	50 Centavos 1935. Similar to No. 249 but very base silver. Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco.	.25	.35
233	Peso 1898-1905, 1908, 1909. Eagle. R Liberty cap and rays. Same mints	1.00	1.50				
	Nickel				Nickel		
234	1 Centavo 1882-83. Bow and quiver. R I in wreath	—	.10	253	5 Centavos 1905-14, 1916, 17. Eagle. R Value in ornamental circle		.15
235	2 Centavos 1882-83. Similar II	—	.10	254	10 Centavos 1936-39. Eagle. R Value within outer border of the Aztec Calendar Stone		.15
236	5 Centavos 1882. Similar V	—	.10	255	5 Centavos 1936-39. Similar		.10
	Copper				Bronze		
237	1 Centavo 1869-98. Eagle R Value	.10	.20	256	1 Centavo 1905, 06, 1909-17, 1920-30, 1933-36. Eagle. R Value in wreath. Size 20 m.		.10
238	1 Centavo 1899-1906. Eagle. R 1 C in monogram	.05	.10	257	2 Centavos 1905, 06, 1920, 21, 1924-29, 1935. Similar. Size 25 m.		.10
	ESTADOS UNIDOS MEXICANOS			258	1 Centavo 1915. Similar. Size 16 m.		.25
239	10 Centavos 1905-07, 1909-14, 1916, 17. Eagle. R Rayed Liberty cap and value in wreath	.10	.15	259	2 Centavos 1915. Similar. Size 20 m.		.25
240	20 Centavos. 1905-08, 1910-16, 18. Similar	.15	.25	260	5 Centavos 1914-21, 1924-30, 1933-35. Similar		.10
241	50 Centavos. 1905-08, 1911-15, 17. Similar	.25	.50				



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				Very Fine
261	10 Centavos	1919-21, 35.		
	Similar			.10
262	20 Centavos	1920, 35. Simi-		
	lar			.15

REVOLUTIONARY COINAGE

1913-1916

PARRAL, CHIHUAHUA

Villa Coinage

263	1913	Peso.	Name.	R Value	3.00
264	1913	50 Centavos.	Radiate		
		cap.	R Value		1.50

Copper

265	1913	2 Centavos			.50
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CUENCAMÉ, DURANGO

266	1914	Peso.	Muera Huerta		4.00
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DURANGO CITY

Copper

267	1914	5 Centavos			1.00
268	1914	V Centavos			2.00
269	1914	Centavo			1.50
270	1914	5 Centavos.	Brass		.50
271	1914	Centavo.	Aluminum		.50

CHIHUAHUA

272	1915	Peso.	Army of the North		2.00
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Copper

273	1914, 15	5 Centavos			.25
274	1915	10 Centavos			2.00

JALISCO

Copper

275	1915	5 Centavos			2.00
276	1915	2 Centavos			2.00
277	1915	1 Centavo			2.00

AGUASCALIENTES

Villa Coinage

278	1915	20 Centavos			2.00
279	1915	5 Centavos			2.00
280	1915	5 Centavos.	Large 5 C		2.00
281	1915	2 Centavos			5.00
282	1915	1 Centavo			5.00

CHICONCUAUTLA

Madero Brigade

					Very Fine
283	1915	20 Centavos			1.25
284	1915	10 Centavos			2.50

GUERRERO

Zapata Coinage

285	1914	2 Pesos			3.00
286	1915	2 Pesos			3.00
287	1915	2 Pesos.	Reduced size		2.00
288	1914	Peso			1.75
289	1915	Peso			1.50
290	1915	50 Centavos			3.50

Copper

291	1915	50 Centavos			1.00
292	1915	20 Centavos			1.50
293	1915	10 Centavos			1.00
294	1915	5 Centavos			1.50

MORELOS

Zapata Coinage

Copper

295	1915	50 Centavos			1.25
296	1915	20 Centavos			1.50
297	1916	10 Centavos			1.25
298	1915	2 Centavos			6.00

OAXACA

299	1915	5 Pesos.	Head of Juarez.	AG 0.902 AU 0.010	3.00
300	1915	2 Pesos.	Similar		1.50
301	1915	2 Pesos.	Scales		1.25
302	1915	2 Pesos.	DOS PESOS		1.25
303	1915	2 Pesos.	Value over branches		2.00
304	1915	Peso.	Similar		.75
305	1915	50 Centavos.	Similar		.75

Copper

306	1915	20 Centavos.	Type of silver		.50
307	1915	10 Centavos.	Similar		.50
308	1915	5 Centavos.	Similar		.50
309	1915	3 Centavos.	Similar		.75
310	1915	1 Centavo.	Similar		.75
311	1915	3 Centavos.	Oblong		3.50
312	1915	Centavo.	Oblong		2.50

There are die varieties of most of the preceding.

THE DUTCH WEST INDIES

by J. M. F. SCHULMAN

West Indian coins becoming such a favorite line with the collectors, it is interesting to consider the limited but interesting coinage of the Dutch West Indian colonies. We always consider Curacao, the Isles of St. Martin, St. Eustace, Saba, Aruba and Bonaire and the continental country of Dutch Guiana belonging to the Dutch West Indies. Before 1800 the size of these colonies was much larger — a huge part of Brazil being under control of Dutch Guiana. We even know coins struck for Brazil by the Dutch West Indian company in gold and silver — extremely rare pieces as mentioned in "South American Gold Coins." Up to 1800 the colonies were under control of the Dutch West Indian trading company, which also struck the coins and was closely affiliated to the powerful East India Company (the "V.O.C.") The main importance of these colonies was and still is the harbour of Curacao—a political and natural center of trade communications. All oil from Venezuela is refined in Curacao factories—being a safer place than turbulent Venezuela. Main station for Pan-American airways modern Curacao is the same live spot in the West Indies as it always was.

Still its coins are few and unimportant. The Dutch coins circulated with the Mexican pieces since 1634, the year in which Curacao became a possession of the Dutch—also the special coinage of the West Indian company was in circulation. Between 1800 and 1815 there was a great lack of regular currency, resulting from the Napoleonic wars. To answer the demand for smaller denominations Dutch, Portuguese and Mexican crowns and guilders were cut in small pieces.

We generally meet with two sizes of "cuts" — the small 3 Real cuts from

Mexican pesos or the "quart-cuts" from Dutch guilders, current for 9 Reals. The first are counterstamped with large or small "3", the second with a rosace or a roselike-star. We also know of "cuts" from Mexican pesos with a "rosace", and "cuts" from guilders with a "3".

In 1821 they issued a small silver 2 Real coin, which was followed in 1822 by a small silver 2 stivers. Still it did not help the inhabitants out of their real lack of currency — The Dutch government allowed the trading houses of Jesurun, Leiba and Naär to issue small silver stivers until around 1830 the situation was normal again and Dutch money circulated largely. These silver tokens bear on the obv. letters as J. & Co., L. & Co. or J.J.N. They are not rare at all. The other Isles did not issue any currency apart from St. Martin, where they issued "Quart-cuts" from Mexican and Bolivian pesos in 1810. The Dutch were lucky in capturing 49,000 silver pesos in 1809 from the French during the Napoleonic war and they struck these cuts, counterstamped St. MARTIN. and arrow-bundle. These cuts, which come in very fine condition, are rare and fetch better prices. The Isle of St. Martin belongs partly to the Dutch, partly to the French since 1648, up to the present date.

There are some rare stivers struck around 1710 on the Isle of St. Eustace, counterstamped on Cayenne sous. We know of a double stiver counterstamped SE and P (for Paramaribo) and a stiver counterstamped SE and IP. There was a token struck by Herman Gossling in 1771. 1 Bit. All these pieces are copper, very rare and comparatively expensive. In 1900 the Dutch government struck 10 cts. and 25 cts. with

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the bust of Queen Wilhelmina for circulation in their West Indian and Guiana colonies. All higher values circulate in the original Dutch currency—the same applies for paper money.

In Dutch Guiana, better known under the name of Suriname we have only a currency around 1676-1679 and 1764 which consists of some copper doits, some of which are very rare nowadays.

The doits of 1676 and 1679 are marked 2 or 4, meaning 2 or 4 doits, a parrot on coffee plant on the obv. the rev. generally blank, although some rare specimens do have a tree on the reverse.

The 1764 issue consists of a single doit marked SOCIETEIT VAN SURINAME and is very common.

In Suriname and Curacao small paper

bills were issued around 1797 and 1801, which are quite rare now.

Up to 1815 the official issue of the Dutch West Indian company was current which consisted of a Utrecht 3 Guilder, 1 Guilder, half guilder and double stiver, dated 1794, a "W" under the shield to mark the use for the West Indies. They were of course struck in the Utrecht mint on order of the West Indian company. Apart from the 3 guilder piece, most of these coins are not very rare and the 3 guilder piece is even very often met with in very fine condition.

Tokens were struck in the Colonies by private firms — but all of these (apart from those mentioned in this article) are rare.

CANADIAN COIN NOTES

Mr. F. A. Broom writes:

The collection of Coins of Canada, seems to me, to be a specialty indulged in by very few collectors, and now, it is very evident, that it is almost impossible to get together a full set of any of our series of coins in an uncirculated condition. The large cents, which up to three years ago were more predominant than the small ones, are now very conspicuous. This condition also applies to the small silver 5-cent piece which was superseded in 1922 by the large nickel 5-cent piece. This is caused by the Bank of Canada, acting for the mint at Ottawa, having called in the large cents and small nickels for remelting purposes. Few collectors have any idea of the scarcity of these pieces. For instance, I needed a certain date to fill out my 5-cent collection, and through the cooperation of the manager of the local bank obtained during three years over 10,000 of these pieces to look through, but never found a good specimen of the piece I wanted. I finally secured it from California. As to the much talked of 1921 silver 5-cent pieces, they do exist. Norman Mason of Toronto has one, and I finally secured one, but in a damaged condition. For

them, see *The Numismatist* for November 1938, pg. 943.

I wrote the Master of the Royal Canadian Mint, asking this question, if 1921 nickels were never issued for circulation, how is it that one or two are in existence in collector's cabinets? I quote: 'Our statement that no 5-cent silver pieces were issued is quite correct as an official statement. There were actually some 2,500,000 pieces of the 5-cent silver coin struck in 1921, and placed into \$100. bags ready for issue. These were not issued as a coinage, but a few may have been given away as a souvenir to visitors. Whether a piece such as this is a rarity when there was not actually a coinage would make an interesting debate for your coin club.' Signed, P. J. Edmunds, for the Master.

There are a few more scarce pieces of Canada, that are not very often met with. The 1923 cent issued 1,019,160 which will eventually be in the same class as the U. S. 1914 D which according to the mint report issued 1,193,000 pieces. Also our 1925 5-cent nickel has only 200,000 of an issue. There are several other comparisons I will make in my next paper.

U. S. COIN NOTES

We certainly started something when we published the letter from a "disgusted collector" last month. The following letters all seem interesting enough to print -

D. B. New York writes:

Your letter in the current C. C. J., on p. 53, signed a 'Disgusted Collector' is quite typical of the short-sightedness of some of our collectors today.

It would seem to me, as an impartial judge, that when an unlimited bid is submitted, the bidder has no grounds for complaint as to price, (and certainly not on the basis of mint reports of coinages.)

The relative rarity of the coins is not in question.

The collector did not have any disagreement regarding the classification of the coins. It is on this point alone, that the collector might seek a loophole, if he wanted to get out of his contract (made when he submitted an unlimited bid). As such was not the case, the dealer is justified in having no further relationship with him. The collector gave the dealer the leeway in his bid; the dealer made use of the opportunity, and secured the coins for him. Then the collector backed out.

This is an excellent example of the mis-use of unlimited bids. This collector, when he sent his bids in, had a very fixed idea of what he expected to pay. This amount should have been his bid. Instead he balked when he had to pay what someone else thought they were worth, which is exactly what he had agreed to do. This man should have been sued by the dealer, and forced to pay as he agreed.

It is quite satisfactory to all concerned, that this party is 'through with collecting'. He got into something,

which was beyond his depth. He failed to understand what he was doing.

From his letter, the ethics of auctioneers are wholly justified. It is the failure of collectors to have ethics of the same standing that cause the unhappiness.

From Mr. Edgar Levy,

Colorado Springs, Colo.

A letter in the February issue of the Journal in reference to prices asked by a dealer for certain coins, prompts me to inquire about how some prices are computed.

Being a newcomer to the science and after diligent inquiries I was told that the rarity of the date governed the price, aside from condition, etc. However in checking the mint figures I find that in 1914 the P mint coined 12,610 Half Dollars. According to Wilson's catalogue, dealers should ask from 1.50 to 3.00 for this date in VF to Unc. Condition. We find that in 1903, the San Francisco mint coined 1,920,772 Half Dollars, and according to the above cataloguer, dealers should ask from 7.50 to 10.00 for it. This may be the answer to "Disgusted Collectors" dilemma. The higher the coinage, the more you should pay.

That this is a confusing condition is most apparent to anyone. In trying to interest others in the fascinating hobby, it becomes bewildering, trying to explain why certain coins command a higher price than others, i.e., the smaller coinage, etc. and then the mint figures show that a coin with a greater coinage, brings a higher price than a comparatively rare coinage.

I feel that for the benefit of young collectors, an article explaining this discrepancy, would well be worth publishing. How about it, Mr. Raymond?

From Mr. Wm. Evans, Chicago.

“ . . . I read with a big laugh the sentiments of a disgusted coin collector on Page 25 of the February issue of your Journal. I am a collector for many years, not a dealer, and both parties are unknown to me. Will say the disgusted collector might be a smart business man but numismatically he displayed his ignorance and that his knowledge of coins is limited in making such a statement. He defied anyone to prove he is wrong, first he made an unlimited bid which is a crazy thing to do, but he should stand back of it and not welch. Second, the half dollars from 1810 to 1836 are the cheapest of all early coins and the most beautiful, I think. The Standing Liberty Half Dollars and Quarters with less than a week in circulation will show wear and to secure them strictly uncirculated is very difficult, therefore they are scarcely uncirculated. The 1820 in the Standard Catalogue, 1940, lists at \$2.00 V.F., 1821 Unc. \$2.50, 1919 P mint \$10.00 Unc. If it was a 1919 S mint he would be lucky to secure it at \$15.00 or \$20.00 uncirculated. Max Mehl advertised he would pay \$22.00 for an uncirculated 1917 S mint on obverse which is two years earlier than 1919.

If he wants to consider dates to regulate prices how about the 1931, 1932 and 1933 double eagles, just seven years ago, or early Roman and Greek, over four hundred years old, which you can buy for a quarter.

I cannot see where the disgusted collector has any merits to his claim or grievance. There was no robbery committed, he secured the 1820 Half at 50% less than list and the 1919 Half at 20% below list, if P mint, (if it was a 1919 S mint Half, he stole it at \$8.75). He blames the cataloguer, the innocent middle-man, who cannot help it if some one sends in a higher bid on a certain coin, he doesn't make the prices and do the bidding, he is only an agent or book-keeper of the bids sent in.

The standard unwritten rule on unlimited or reserve bids is that the bidder pays 5% above the next highest bid under his bid. I feel he got off very lucky with an unlimited bid. I know a collector who paid \$52.00 for a common Half Cent worth about \$2.00, because he was caught in an unlimited trap. “Disgusted Collector” should continue to collect and soon learn what a foolish mistake he made.”

**Domestic Coinage Executed, By Mints, During
The Month of February, 1940.**

Denomination	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
SILVER			
Half dollars	\$728,754.50	.....	.....
Quarter dollars	376,377.25	.....	.....
Dimes	21,150.90	.....	.....
MINOR			
Five-cent nickels	331,075.00	100,000.00	45,000.00
One-cent bronze	118,095.00	48,000.00	30,000.00

At Philadelphia Mint:

Coinage Executed for Foreign Governments.

Nicaragua	.....	Nickel	.....	5 Centavo	.....	800,000 pieces
“	.....	Bronze	.....	1 “	.....	2,000,000 “

U. S. MEDALS & TOKENS

Under this heading it is proposed to show many of the unpublished or rarely seen early medalets and tokens of our country. They will not be listed in any special order but will be numbered as a matter of convenience. Collectors who are able to supply any interesting information are invited to do so. Full credit will be given.

The following letter is of so much interest we have devoted our whole page to it this month.

From Mr. Alden W. Squires.

In the February issue of The Coin Collector's Journal, on p. 46, in commenting on the Custer medal it is said, "It is quite evident . . . that Custer's Brigade enjoyed considerable fame before their sad end on the Little Big Horn in 1876." The implication is that the cavalry organization commemorated by this token is the same one as, or at least the forerunner of, that which Custer commanded twelve years later. They were, of course, entirely different organizations, and neither of them could be properly called "Custer's Brigade".

At the Battle of Cedar Creek, Gen. Custer commanded a Division, consisting of two brigades, which in turn were composed of a total of 11 regiments (or portions thereof), — all these troops being of the "Volunteer" or militia classification, i.e., enrolled under state auspices for the specific purpose of prosecuting the Civil War. These regiments were not considered to be a part of the U. S. Army ("regulars") and were quickly mustered out of service after the close of the War.

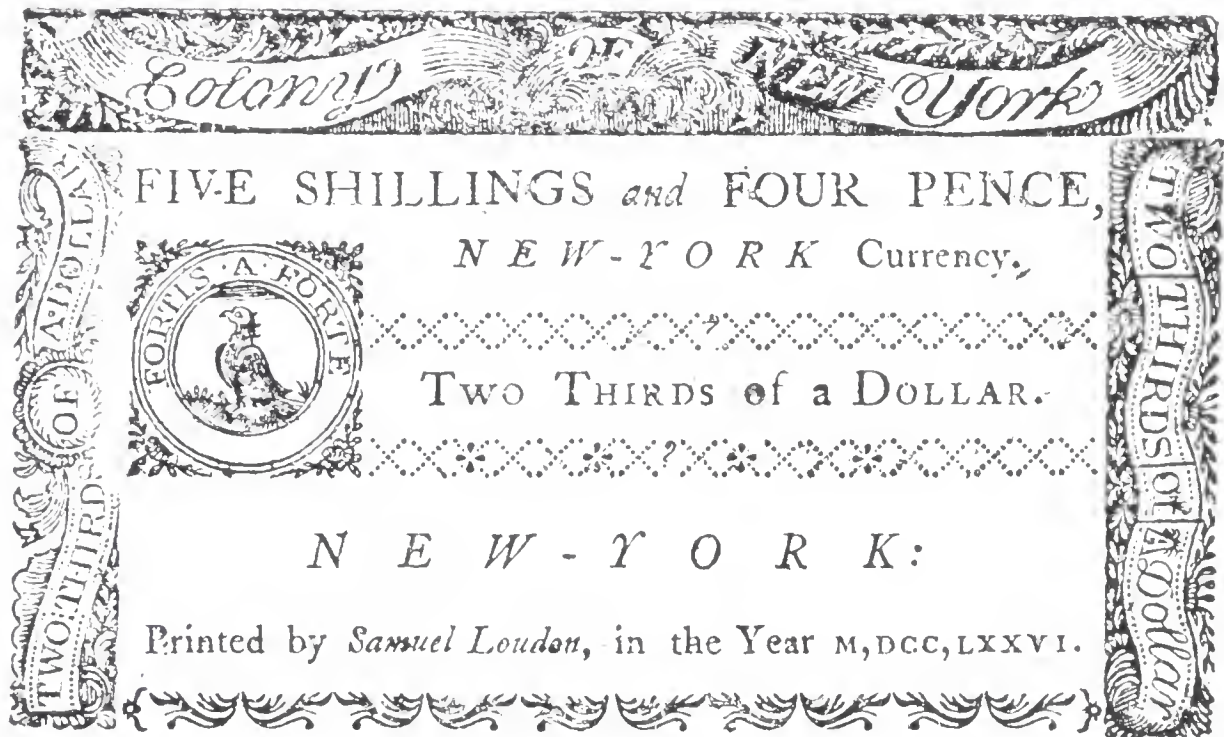
After the War, Custer's rank as Major-general of Volunteers was dis-

continued. In 1866 he was returned to the "Regular" Army as Lieut.-Colonel commanding the 7th U. S. Cavalry (Regulars), which was his command at the Battle of Little Big Horn. On that occasion, Custer had divided his regiment into 4 independent groups which were following separate routes. He was personally in command of one of these detachments, consisting of 5 troops, — slightly more than 200 men. All of these soldiers, as well as Custer, were killed, — as is well known to every schoolboy.

Audacious and brave as Custer was in 1876, his real heroics were "staged" during the Civil War. It is to be doubted whether any man during that War was more daring, took more desperate chances, showed greater courage and recklessness, — and got away with it, — than this same Custer. At the time of the Battle of Cedar Creek the General was a mere "kid", aged 24! He did not particularly distinguish himself on that occasion; he did not have a chance to do so. I cannot quite see why anyone, wishing to do honor to Custer in a medalet, should have selected that affair for the purpose.

This discussion is somewhat "off the track" of numismatology, but seeing your little note in the Journal prompted me into this excursion into another of my hobbies, Civil War history.

THE PAPER MONEY COLLECTOR



The strange denominations of some of the early colonial notes present quite a problem to collectors who are not familiar with the equivalent of the dollars in relation to shillings and pence. For instance in 1777 5 Shillings (60 Pence) equalled 1 Dollar in Georgia and the issue of June 8, 1777 works out as follows—

- 1/10 Dollar= 6 Pence
- 1/5 Dollar=12 Pence (1 Shilling)
- 1/4 Dollar=15 Pence (1 Sh. 3d.)
- 1/3 Dollar=20 Pence (1 Sh. 8d.)
- 2/5 Dollar=24 Pence (2 Shillings)
- 1/2 Dollar=30 Pence (2 Sh. 6d.)
- 2/3 Dollar=40 Pence (3 Sh. 4d.)
- 3/4 Dollar=45 Pence (3 Sh. 9d.)
- 4/5 Dollar=48 Pence (4 Shillings)

In New York in 1776 8 shillings (96 pence) equalled 1 Dollar and the fractions work out this way:

- 1/8 Dollar=12 Pence (1 Shilling)
- 1/6 Dollar=16 Pence (1 Sh. 4d.)
- 1/4 Dollar=24 Pence (2 Shillings)
- 1/3 Dollar=32 Pence (2 Sh. 6d.)
- 1/2 Dollar=48 Pence (4 Shillings)
- 2/3 Dollar=64 Pence (5 Sh. 4d.)

The following additions should be added to the list of Notes of Cities and Towns in the Standard Paper Money Catalogue.

LOUISIANA
New Orleans

Municipality No. Two

- \$1 May 20, 1837
- \$2 May 20, 1837

NEW YORK
Albany

- 3c January 10, 1815

National Bank Notes
1902 - 1908

- \$5 Parker & Burke

Federal Reserve Bank Note
Atlanta 1918

- \$2 Teehee & Burke—Bell & McCord.
- Additions received from Mr. Eric P. Newman of St. Louis.

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The Piastre Decaen, 1810. By Shepard Pond. Reprinted from the *Numismatist*. A splendid essay on this interesting coin. A few copies available from the author.

Early Chinese Silver Coinage. By E. Kann. Reprinted from the *Asia Stamp Journal*, Shanghai. No. 6 of the Bulletin series of Numismatic Society of China.

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Brazilian Coins. Price list of Hermann Porcher, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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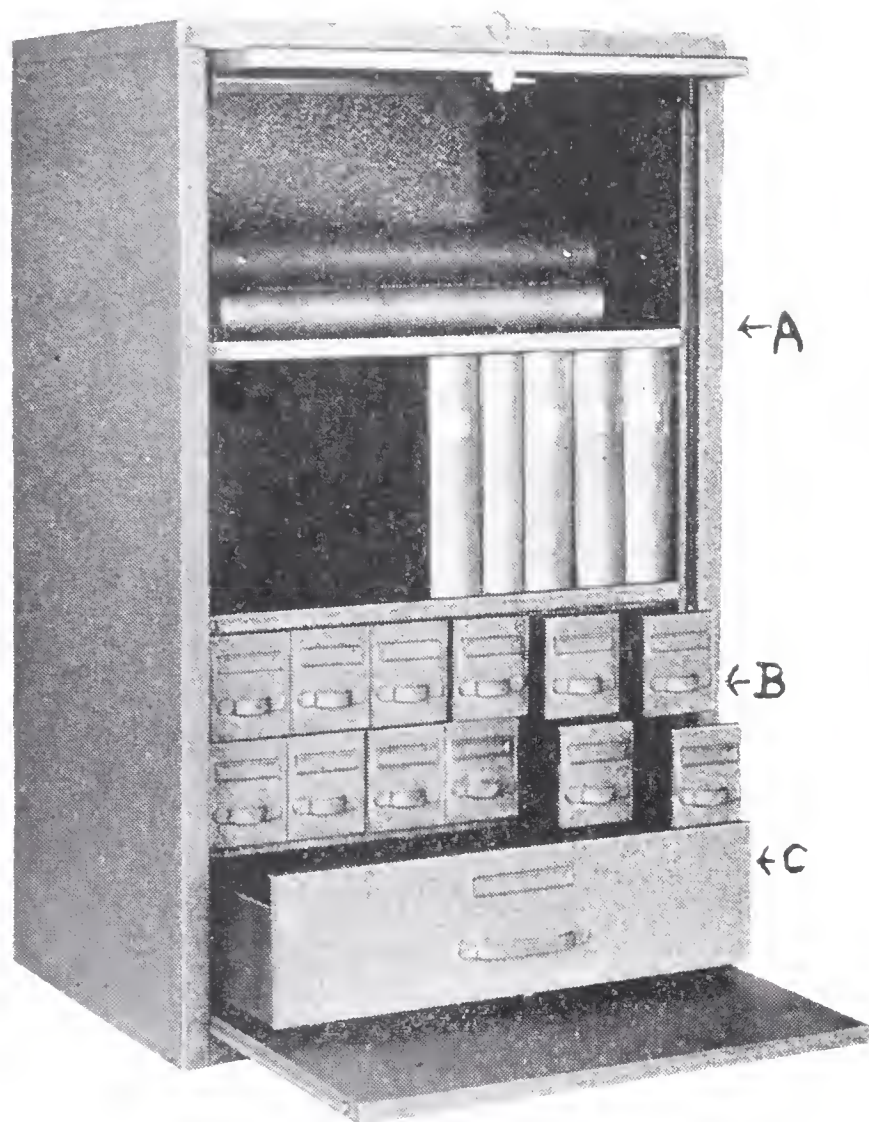
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